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February 27, 2012

Arlington Fire District  
 P. O. Box 26095  
 West Haven, CT 06516

Dear Chief:

The City of Stamford is currently undergoing a Charter Revision. In this context it is reviewing the current language with regard to the delivery of fire and rescue services within the community. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to answer the following questions as they relate to the delivery of fire services within your community and return this questionnaire for our consideration.

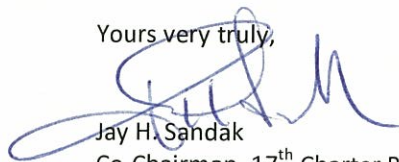
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. Is the fire delivery service in your community a "combined service," i.e., comprised of career and volunteer firefighters? If your answer to the foregoing is "No", do not go any further.
2. Do you have multiple fire districts/houses within your community? If so,
  - a. How many districts/firehouses? 3 Districts 8 Firehouses
  - b. Are some districts/firehouses exclusively covered by career firefighters and some by volunteer firefighters?  YES  NO
  - c. Are some districts/firehouses covered by a combination of career and volunteer firefighters?  YES  NO
    - i. In districts/firehouses in which there are both career and volunteer firefighters, do they all answer to the same command structure and take direction from the same supervisor(s)?  YES  NO
    - ii. Who makes the decision with regard to staffing and allocation of resources for the individual fire districts/firehouses with career and volunteer firefighters?  
Career - Fire Commission & - Volunteer - Their Chief
3. How long have has your community had a combined fire delivery service? 73 Yrs.
4. Are there any Charter provisions which address the combined fire delivery service within your community?  YES  NO

5. If so, please attach a copy of the pertinent provisions.
6. Do you have a single individual who has direct responsibility for BOTH the career and volunteer firefighters within your community? \_\_\_ YES  NO
7. Do you have a single set of standard operating procedures ("SOP") for both the career and volunteer firefighters?  YES \_\_\_ NO
8. Do you have a uniform training program for both the career and volunteer firefighters?  YES \_\_\_ NO
9. Do the volunteer fire companies have their own "chiefs"? If so, do they have command of both volunteer and career firefighters within their district/firehouse?  
Only the volunteers. at a Fire Incident the Career Chief is in charge
10. Please comment on how the combined fire service is working within your community. Been working for the last 70 yrs. But the new generation doesn't like it. They are a big help to us I only have five men on shift.
11. If you are willing to receive any follow-up inquires, please provide your name and contact information:  
NAME: Chief Peter Massano  
E-Mail: add chiefmassano@sbcclobal.net  
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 26095 - West Haven, Ct 06516  
The Dept Name is Allington Fire District

Thank you for assisting us as we review the Stamford Charter with regard to our combined fire service program in Stamford.

Yours very truly,



Jay H. Sandak  
Co-Chairman, 17<sup>th</sup> Charter Revision Commission

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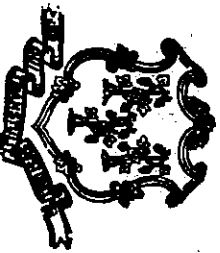
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warranty deed dated July 11, 1928 the Grantor being the AVFA and the Grantee being the District. This deed clearly states:

“said building to be equipped with all necessary electrical connections, running water, and with reasonable quarters and conveniences for the use of the members of said association when engaged in fire duty or otherwise, and upon the further condition the said district shall fully furnish and maintain said building without expense to said association, and shall at all times permit the said association to use same as headquarters for any fire company composed whole or in part of the members of said association and rendering services in the extinguishment of fires within said district without the payment of rent therefor, and upon further condition in case the said Allingtown Fire District shall sell or convey said land or building to the town of west haven for fire purposes, or if said district shall lawfully pass under the jurisdiction and control of the fire authorities of said town, or of said town, then in that that event, the right of the grantor herein to use and occupy the said land and said building in a manner and form as hereinbefore expressed shall not be disturbed or contravened unless the said association , grantor herein, shall in writing so agree.”

This is considered a deed restriction and runs with the land; as such the district or any successor in interest, shall be libel to maintain the entire building as our HQ in perpetuity, unless the members agree, in accordance with the bylaws, as a majority.



State of Connecticut,

Office of Secretary of State

THE ALLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

Articles of Association

BE IT KNOWN, That we, the subscribers, do hereby associate ourselves as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to the statute laws of the State of Connecticut regulating the formation and organization of corporations without capital stock, and the following are our articles of association:-

Article 1. The name of said corporation shall be The Allington Volunteer Fire Association, Incorporated.

Article 2. The purposes for which said corporation is formed are the following, to wit:-

To maintain in Allington in the Town of Orange a Volunteer Fire Company governed by such rules and regulations as said association shall adopt.

To buy and maintain such engine houses, fire engines and fire fighting apparatus as said association shall deem necessary.

To provide meeting places for its volunteers and promote social and friendly intercourse among them.

To purchase and own all real estate and personal property necessary for carrying out the purposes aforesaid.

Article 3. The said corporation is located in the town of Orange, county of New Haven and State of Connecticut.

Dated at Orange this 2nd day of September, 1909.

Peter Wols	Niels C. Nielson	
Wm. A. Gilbert	A. B. Cornelius	
Max Hamm	William C. Forster	Names of
Alfred F. Mason	Otto Helbig	
Eugene O'Connell	Charles J. Atwood	Subscribers.
Geo. H. Gilbert		

State of Connecticut )  
                                  : ss                                    Orange, September 2nd, 1909.  
County of New Haven )

Then and there personally appeared Peter Wols, Niels C. Nielson, William A. Gilbert, A.B. Cornelius, Max Hamm, William C. Forster, Alfred F. Mason, Otto Helbig, Eugene O'Connell, Charles J. Atwood and Geo. H. Gilbert signers of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, before me,

(Seal)                                   Robert J. Woodruff,  
  Notary Public.

Approved Sept 4 1909